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SUBJECT: CYPRUS

GENEVA FOR HARTMAN

1. I MET WITH DEF MIN (AND ACTING FONMIN) ISIK AT HIS REQUEST, 1915 LOCAL TIME AUG 8. ISIK HAD TWO BASIC POINTS HE WISHED TO MAKE. FIRST, HE EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN OVER REPORTS THAT GREEKS WERE CONTEMPLATING LEAVING GENEVA TALKS AND SHIFTING VENUE TO SECURITY COUNCIL. HE SPOKE IN STRONGEST TERMS RE UNDESIRABILITY OF INTERNATIONALIZING ISSUE IN THIS WAY. HE SAID IT ESSENTIAL THAT MATTER BE RESOLVED BY PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AT GENEVA. HE ASKED THAT USG USE ITS INFLUENCE TO INSURE THAT VENUE DID NOT SHIFT TO SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. HIS SECOND POINT WAS THAT IT ESSENTIAL FOR GOG TO UNDERSTAND NEW POWER REALITIES OF SITUATION ON THE ISLAND AND HE URGED THAT UWG BE HELPFUL IN GETTING GREECE TO FACE
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UP TO THESE REALITIES.

3. THESE TWO TOPICS GAVE ME OBVIOUS OPPORTUNITY TO BEAR DOWN HEAVILY ON BASIC POINTS WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET ACROSS HERE. WITH RESPECT TO INTERNATIONALIZING THE ISSUE, I ASSURED ISIK THAT WE FULLY SHARED HIS VIEW REGARDING THE UNDESIRABILITY OF THIS. I ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT OUR CAPABILITY TO HEADOFF INTERNATIONALIZATION WAS SERIOUSLY AND INCREASINGLY UNDERMINED EACH DAY BY PERSISTENT REPORTS OF CONTINUED TURKISH VIOLATIONS OF CEASEFIRE.

4. I THEN SAID WE FELT THAT KEY TO SUCCESSFUL SOLUTION OF CYPRUS QUESTION LAY NOT WITH THIRD PARTIES, BUT WITH GREECE AND TURKEY THEMSELVES. NEVERTHELESS, WE OBVIOUSLY HOPED TO PLAY A HELPFUL ROLE IN FUTURE, AS WE HAD IN THE PAST, IF THIS SHOULD TURN OUT TO BE NECESSARY.

5. I WENT ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE I UNDERSTOOD HIS POINT REGARDING POLITICAL REALITIES, IT WAS EQUALLY ESSENTIAL THAT TURKEY FIND WAY TO COME UP WITH A PALATABLE SOLUTION FOR THE PRESENT GREEK GOVT -- ONE WHICH BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS COULD LIVE WITH FOR YEARS TO COME. I THEN ADDED THAT OUR CAPABILITY TO BE HELPFUL TO TURKS IN GENEVA II DIALOGUE WAS AGAIN BEING BADLY UNDERMINED EACH DAY BY THIS CONTINUING FLOW OF REPORTED CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS.

6. ISIK IN A MOMENT OF REVEALING FRANKNESS, SAID ON THE SUBJECT OF CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS "BUT THERE ARE JUST A FEW MORE SMALL..." AT WHICH POINT HE BROKE OFF HIS SENTENCE. I USED OPPORTUNITY TO FINISH SENTENCE FOR HIM SAYING "... POSITIONS THAT YOUR MILITARY ARE ITCHING TO GET A HOLD OF, EVEN THOUGH THEIR REAL IMPORTANCE CANNOT POSSIBLY OUTWEIGH THE WORLDWIDE DAMAGE THIS KIND OF THING IS DOING TO TURKEY'S IMAGE." ISIK LEANED FORWARD, TAPPED ME ON THE KNEE AND SAID "I AGREE. I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT."

7. I THEN REITERATED THAT UNLESS TURKEY BROUGHT HOSTILITIES TO ABSOLUTE HALT, I WAS PESSIMISTIC INDEED OVER OUR ABILITY TO PREVENT FURTHER INTERNATIONALIZATION OF ISSUE, AND I KNEW OUR ABILITY TO BE HELPFUL TO TURKEY WOULD BE SERIOUSLY UNDERMINED. "YOU HAVE SIMPLY GOT TO CUT IT OUT", WERE
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MY EXACT WORDS. ISIK SAID HE WAS SEEING THE PRIME AND THE GENERALS IN A HALF HOUR, AND HE WOULD MAKE THIS SAME POINT TO THEM.
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